Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The roads referred to are broken up in certain places causing some inconvenience to traffic. This will be attended to this year along with the road maintenance work.

Starting of Land Mortgage Bank.

403. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

when the land Mortgage Bank will begin to function?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—The question of starting the Land Mortgage Bank will be decided after the results of the proposed Economic Survey are known.

Economic Survey of the State.

404. **Mr. Paul Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they intend to conduct an economic survey of the State;

(b) if so, when do they intend to conduct the same;

(c) do they intend to appoint a Special Officer to conduct the survey;

(d) if so, do they intend to get down an Officer for it from outside the State;

(e) are there not persons with economic degrees in the State competent to conduct the survey;

(f) do the Government intend to appoint any one of them for the purpose?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) They intend to start the survey this year.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) and (f) The question of selecting a suitable Officer for the work is under consideration.

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